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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROL - SOUTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC POLICE

1. MOTOROLA S.A. REP AND TWO WASHINGTON-BASED
OFFICIALS MET WITH AF/S FOR RULING ON APPLICABILITY OF
COMMERCE EXPORT CONTROLS (EXPORT ADMINISTRATION
BULLETIN NO. 175 OF FEBRUARY 16, 1978) TO PROVINCIAL
AND MUNICIPAL TRAFFIC CONTROL OFFICERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ACCORDING TO MOTOROLA, TRAFFIC CONTROL IS A PROVINCIAL/
MUNICIPAL FUNCTION AND OFFICERS NOT CALLED POLICE.
FURTHERMORE, WHILE ARMED, TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS SUPPOSEDLY
NOT EMPOWERED MAKE ARRESTS EXCEPT FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

3. IN ORDER FACILITATE DECISION, DEPARTMENT WOULD
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APPRECIATE EMBASSY VERIFYING ABOVE, AS WELL AS PROVIDING
GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL
OFFICERS AND ANY RELATIONSHIP THEY MAY HAVE WITH
THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE. WHERE DOES THEIR FUNDING
COME FROM? ALSO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS ARE REGARDED BY SOUTH AFRICANS, ESPECIALLY
BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS.

4. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THIS CASE IS THE ABILITY

OF THE EQUIPMENT AT ISSUE, TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR THE
TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, TO BE USED WITH THE SOUTH
AFRICAN POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT. VANCE

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